

Interim Director's Report
July 14, 2005
(for the July 29, 2005 Commission meeting)

Auditor General:

- The audit which began in late June is now wrapping up. Colleen McGee is to be commended for the significant time and energy she invested with the Auditor General's staff to ensure that their questions are answered thoroughly. Because there are some unique circumstances that apply to our agency the audit required a great deal of communication with them on how the Clean Election system works and the interaction we have with other state agencies to administer the law.

Financial:

- The current Fund Balance as of June 31, 2004 was \$ 22,569,882.
- Revenues for June were \$ 2,129,782 and expenditures were \$162,485.
- For the month of May \$1,386,798 came from the voluntary \$5 check off.

Education:

- The July Bulletin was released on July 1st.
- The monthly Email Blast was sent out on July 14th.
- A total of 39 Candidate & Treasurer Workshops are currently being set up. Autumn & Geneva are collaborating on this project.
- The NonParticipating Candidates guide has been updated.

Officeholder Expense Accounts Advisory Group:

- The group has finished its task and the final recommendations will be ready for the July 29th meeting.

Conciliation / Informal Settlement Conferences:

- Conferences have been held with Bruce Murchison, Colette Rosati and Rick Murphy.

Enforcement:

- A total of 76 complaints have been filed. A total of 54 have been closed, 16 are under pending including those before you today.

Arizona Administrative Code – 5 Year Review:

- On June 28th we received copies of a prior correspondence from ADOA's Governor's Regulatory Review Council regarding their requirement that the agency perform a Five Year Review of all rules. To be safe, we responded to them requesting an extension, which was granted. In the meantime the Attorney General's office is researching whether we need to respond as an "exempt" agency.

2006 Candidate Committees:

- As of the latest report (June 30) there are 59 candidate committees filed with the SOS office (51 nonparticipating, 8 participating).